

Amendment to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8 at line 19 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The foregoing is illustrated further in Fig. 2. The bidirectional arrow ~~40~~ 60 represents the path along which scanner 12 is inserted into and withdrawn from interior region 40 of docking station 14. Contacts 62 and 64 within scanner 14 are connected to a battery 66 or other appropriate voltage source for recharging the battery within scanner 12 when scanner contacts 32, 34 mate with docking station contacts 62 and 64. A personal computer 70, i.e. the onboard PC previously mentioned, is connected via cable 72 to the USB connection 46 on docking station 14 for downloading the fingerprint images stored in scanner 12 for processing by computer 70. Another connection via cable 76 between computer 70 and station 14 is shown in Fig. 2 for the purpose of performing the diagnostic routines on scanner 12 as previously described. The LED indicators 50, 52 and 54 are connected by lines 80, 82 and 84 respectively to an appropriate routing/processing circuit 86 which, in turn, is connected by cable 88 to computer 70 for control of the indicators. Obviously, the three cables 72, 76 and 88 shown in Fig. 2 can be combined into a single cable connection between PC 70 and station 14.--